

COMMISSIONERS APPROVAL

ROKOSCH *JKR*

GRANDSTAFF *CG*

THOMPSON *AT*

CHILCOTT *Y*

DRISCOLL

Date.....July 17, 2007

Members Present.....Commissioner Jim Rokosch,  
Commissioner Carlotta Grandstaff, Commissioner Greg Chilcott and Commissioner  
Kathleen Driscoll

Minutes: Glenda Wiles

Commissioner Alan Thompson was in Richmond, Virginia attending a NACo National  
Conference.

The Board interviewed Rick O'Brien for the Impact Advisory Committee during the  
morning hours.

The Board participated in the Western Interoperable Communication Consortium  
meeting during the morning and noon hour.

Commissioner Driscoll left mid day to attend a Missoula Transportation Planning  
Coordinating Committee meeting.

The Board met with Sheriff Chris Hamilton, Under Sheriff Kevin McConnell, Office of  
Emergency Management (OEM) Director Ron Nicholas, OEM Staff Eric Hoover and  
Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Charmell Owens to discuss the need to adopt a  
Resolution rescinding all open burning and establishing a Resolution for Stage II Fire  
Restrictions, and establish an Emergency Proclamation and Order Resolution.  
Discussion included removing the 1.5 mile buffer between Forest Service lands and  
county lands as it creates confusion to the public. Glenda had prepared the boiler plate  
resolution with some changes being made to the proposed Resolutions which included the  
buffer zone and ability to participate in agricultural activities.

**Commissioner Grandstaff made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2174 which  
rescinds Resolutions No. 2172 and 2173 to establish a 'No Open Burning' within the  
County and to follow the Forest Service Stage II Restrictions as corrected this date.  
Commissioner Chilcott seconded the motion and all voted "aye".**

**Commissioner Chilcott made a motion to adopt Resolution No. 2175 which is an Emergency Proclamation and Order proclaiming a state of emergency and enacting the statute under Montana Law that allows the Sheriff's Office or any law enforcement operating under its authority the ability to direct and compel the evacuation for all or part of the population from any area of the county. Commissioner Grandstaff seconded the motion and all voted "aye".**